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TO SECSTATE WASHDC PRIORITY 0678

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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: PASSPORTS - ADVISORY OPINIONS/ARABIC IN PASSPORTS

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1. EMBASSY AGREES TO TERMINATION OF SPECIAL ADVISORY OPINION REQUIREMENT FOR THOSE LIBYAN VISA APPLICANTS NOT ALREADY EXEMPTED FROM THIS REQUIREMENT. ASSUME DEPT WILL INFORM OTHER POSTS REQUIREMENT NOW WAIVED COMPLETELY.
2. WOULD POINT OUT THAT THIS MOVE, THOUGH TIMELY, WILL TEMPORARILY FAVOR LIBYAN VERSUS AMERICAN VISA APPLICANTS AS, SO FAR AS WE AWARE, SOME LIBYAN EMBASSIES STILL DELAYING VISA FOR DEPENDENTS OF AMERICAN PRINCIPALS UNTIL LATTER ARRIVE LIBYA AND OBTAIN RESIDENCE PERMIT. THIS SEEMS TO BE THE CASE WITH LIBYAN EMBASSY WASHINGTON, JUDGING FROM RECENT COMPLAINT TO US FROM ONE OIL COMPANY HERE. ONLY PERMANENT SOLUTION SUCH PROBLEMS WOULD APPEAR TO BE PLACING RUBBER STAMP IN ARABIC IN PASSPORTS OF ALL PROSPECTIVE AMERICAN TRAVELERS TO LIBYA. HOWEVER, DEPT MIGHT BE ABLE TO TALK LIBYAN EMBASSY WASHINGTON INTO WAIVING THIS REQUIREMENT FOR A TRANSITION PERIOD UNTIL STAMPING PROCEDURES WORKED OUT.

3. REQUEST STATUS REPORT ON THIS MATTER AND ANY
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ADVICE WE MIGHT GIVE OIL COMPANIES MEANWHILE--APART

FROM SAYING IT TAKES TIME TO WORK SUCH THINGS OUT,
WHICH WE HAVE BEEN SAYING.
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